

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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AERIAL SURVEY OF MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of aerial survey has been speeded up for the exploration of minerals and promoting mining in the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date alongwith the outcome of each survey, State-wise;
- (c) whether some foreign companies have also been assigned the work of exploration of minerals during the last three years and till date;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide mineral exploration survey work to the Indian companies ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b) :Yes, Sir. Aerial surveys are undertaken by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) as well as the Reconnaissance Permit holders as a part of survey and exploration for minerals.

GSI, till date has covered an area of 1,95,185 sq.km. under aerial survey in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Praddesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The aerial surveys have helped in delineating zones of target areas for further ground evaluation and have lead to the discovery of several basemetal deposits in different states.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : In order to boost survey and mineral exploration, 206 Reconnaissance Permits have so far been granted mostly to companies registered under the companies Act 1956 covering an area of 2,86,421 sq.km.